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Calling on the FCC to Scrutinize Comcast-Time Warner Merger

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On June 16, I was joined by seven of my colleagues in sending a letter to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) asking it to carefully scrutinize a proposed merger of Comcast and Time Warner Cable. This merger would combine the two internet service providers lowest ranked on the American Customer Satisfaction Index, and give Comcast control of over 30 million subscribers, a roughly 30% share of the television and internet services market. Such a monopoly would likely increase prices, cause declines in service, give the company undue control over the content consumers may access, and diminish overall industry standards, affecting not only Comcast's and Time Warner's customers but cable subscribers throughout the country. Please see our letter below.